

(2) AT THE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY, FUNDS GRANTED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY REVERT TO THE DEPARTMENT IF THE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND IS INACTIVE FOR MORE THAN 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH A GRANT OF FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION IS MADE.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR ON THE NUMBER, AMOUNT, USE, AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Business and Economic Development develop policy guidelines and procedures for implementing the grant program established under Section 1 of this Act by October 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and 9 months and, at the end of June 30, 2003, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 12, 1998.

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## CHAPTER 395

(Senate Bill 461)

AN ACT concerning

### **St. Mary's County - Crab Harvesting - Prohibition on Use of Bank Traps and Channel Pounds**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting *after a certain date* the use of bank traps or channel pounds by persons harvesting crabs in St. Mary's County; and directing the Department of Natural Resources to conduct a certain study and provide a certain report with recommendations to the General Assembly by a certain date.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 4-815

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: